

December 7, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, McGannon, Peterson, Opp, Fliehs, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Shawn Lambertz, Jerry Bjerke, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier.

At 7pm delinquent utility customer hearings were held. Coming before the Council were: Justin Fischbach, Matt Anderson, Kari Bartling representing the Duane Rude Estate. Messages from Debbie Meister for the Charles Meister Estate and Scott Fordham were presented. All gave information on their bills with payment plans. Council approved those extensions.

Terry Herron enters the meeting during the discussion.

Shawn Lambertz gave the electric department report and took part in the Heartland meeting discussion on their rate increase. Terry Herron reported on snow removal, the rubble site cleanup, and permission to discharge the lagoon which was received from the state on Dec 7. The Council also discussed snow removal rules and grant opportunities.

Shawn Lambertz and Terry Herron left the meeting at this point.

The minutes from November 16 were corrected to change “strict enforcement of collection policy” to “administrate existing rules on collections”. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Lowary reported on the receiving the 2015 Bond proceeds and distributing funds to close 17 loans.

The financial report was approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,154.89	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,325.27	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,355.26	salaries
First State Bank	7,467.96	ss & wh
City of Groton	824.28	dep refunds,postage
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,950.00	emp savings
Office of Child Support Enforcement	688.62	emp support
US Post Office	209.68	postage
Dan Dalchow	14.15	dep refund
April Abeln	805.00	dep flex
1st State Bank	841,892.50	loan pay offs
1st National Bank	936,076.22	loan pay offs
United Lease & Finance	537,615.00	lease pay offs
Wells Fargo Securities	349,784.98	loan pay offs
1st National Bank	600.00	paying agent fees
A&B Business Solutions	3.60	ink
Arbor Day Foundation	15.00	dues
Border States	390.00	tape, caps
Cannon Tech	7,416.00	LM support
Chase Visa	482.61	supplies
Cole Paper	117.44	garbage bags
Colonial Research	148.42	ice melt
Darrels Sinclair	12.79	filter
Don Builders Hardware	5.00	keys

Farmers Union Coop	1,051.20	dsl
Fastenal	13.25	nuts & bolts
Fire Safety First	57.45	1st aid supplies
Groton Ford	4,071.74	repairs
Groton Independent	57.15	publishing
Groton Vet Clinic	9.90	gloves
Heartland Waste	6,195.67	garbage hauling
Hedahls	12.40	light
James Valley Telecomm	683.00	telephone, internet
Johnson, Drew	925.00	legal services
Joint Utility Training School	200.00	registration
Ken's Food Fair	239.44	supplies
Lori's	46.39	supplies
Meierhenry Sargent	7,000.00	bond counsel
MJ's Sinclair	1,108.51	gas, dsl
Nelson Sales & Service	54.90	repair
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
RDO - John Deere Credit	59.31	repairs
Runnings	28.79	repairs
S & S Lumber	74.25	supplies
Sanitation Products	174.34	chain drive
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testing
SD Retirement	7,890.52	retirement
SD State Treasurer	6,293.07	sales tax
Share Corp	207.72	tags, cleaner
Sperry Stump Removal	1,400.00	stump removal
Steffes	187.50	transceiver
Verizon Wireless	41.61	comm
WEB Water	11,906.39	water

Lowary reported on options for credit card processors available. More information will be gathered.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the 2016 NECOG joint powers agreement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to surplus an older style light bar from the police department and gift it to the fire department. All members present voted aye.

First Reading of Ordinance 702, The 2015 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance, was given on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

A donation for new tables for the Community Center was accepted and table prices will be investigated.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session at 8:47 to discuss personnel issues. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 9:11pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to Ordinance #701, 2016 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to hire the following skating attendants: Justin Olson, Manager at \$9.25 and Tara Telkamp, Jamie Krueger, Joe Groeblichhoff, Landon Marzahn, Hunter Monson and Taylor Holm at minimum wage. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer